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In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on January 9, 1998, kindly extend the time for responding for one month, up to and including Monday, May 11, 1998. The requisite Petition for extension of time and fees are submitted concurrently herewith.